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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT DISAPPEARANCE

REF: (A) MAPUTO 1095 (1976);(B) LISBON 6503 (1976)

1. TWO WELL-INFORMED LOCAL BUSINESSMEN SEPARATELY ADVISED EMBOFF THAT MISSING PRIVATE AIRCRAFT CARRYING CABORA BASSA ENGINEERS (REFTELS) HAS BEEN DISCOVERED WITH ALL OCCUPANTS OF FLIGHT DEAD.

2. SOURCES ALLEGE THAT AIRCRAFT ALSO CARRIED TWO FRELIMO MILITARY PERSONNEL, ONE OF WHOM MAY HAVE BEEN TANZANIAN OFFICER. AIRCRAFT DEVIATED FLIGHT TO MUCUMBURA IN TETE PROVINCE, WHERE THERE IS AN ARMY BASE AND LANDING STRIP TO DROP OFF OFFICERS. AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN BY PROBABLY DRUNKEN FRELIMO SOLDIERS EITHER ON LANDING AT MUCUMBURA OR ON SUBSEQUENT TAKEOFF. LOCAL COMMANDANT DECIDED TO COVER UP BY BURYING BODIES AND REMAINS OF AIRCRAFT. INCIDENT WAS DISCOVERED WHEN RECENTLY LOCAL COMMANDANT WAS PURGED BY FRELIMO ARMY AND HIS SUCCESSOR UNCOVERED STORY AND REMAINS.

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3. WE DOUBT THAT ANY OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION WILL BE GIVEN TO NEXT OF KIN OR THAT INCIDENT WILL BE PUBLICALLY ADMITTED BY MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FATHER OF PILOT HAS BEEN INFORMED OF ABOVE STORY AND ACCEPTS IT.

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